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10/30/2012 Agenda

Vision 2020 Standing Committee
Agenda: Tuesday, October 30, 2012
Meet 730 PM: Town Hall Annex, first floor conf. room

1. Greetings; review/approval of Minutes of October 9, 2012

2. Appointment of Representative to the Cultural Commission from Vision 2020 Culture and Recreation Task Group; see attached "Town Bylaw, Title II, Article 8, Cultural Commission"

3. Census Insert Survey 2013
 - a. Focus/Theme

 - b. Creation of Task Group

Upcoming Meetings of the Standing Committee: Tuesday, Nov. 20; Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012

2013 Meetings of the Standing Committee: Wednesday, Jan. 9; Tuesday, Feb. 19; Wednesday, March 13; Wednesday, April 10; Tuesday, May 7; Tuesday, June 11; Wednesday, July 10; Tuesday, August 20; Tuesday, Sept. 10; Wednesday, Oct. 9; Wednesday, Nov. 13; Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013

Attachment: Town Bylaw, Titile II, Article 8 Cultural Commission

ARTICLE 8: CULTURAL COMMISSION

ART. 21, A.T.M., 5/17/93

Section 1. Establishment of Cultural Commission

There is hereby established a Cultural Commission which shall consist of seven members all of whom shall be residents of the Town.

Six members, one of whom shall be a member of the Vision 2020 Culture and Recreation Task Group, shall be appointed by the Town Manager subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and one member shall be appointed by the School Committee. The respective appointing authorities shall consider for appointment, but need not appoint, persons recommended by the Vision 2020 Culture and Recreation Task Group for their initial appointments and, thereafter, persons recommended by the Commission. Two of the initial appointments by the town Manager shall be for a three year term, two for a two year term and two for a one year term. The initial appointment by the School Committee shall be for a three year term. After the initial appointment each term shall be for three years. Each member shall serve until their successors are appointed and sworn. Unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. The Commission shall organize for the conduct of its affairs and shall elect its own officers. Members may be removed by the appointing authority upon request of a majority of the Commission for three or more unexcused absences from Commission meetings in any calendar year.

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities

The Commission shall endeavor to:

- A. Advocate to promote greater awareness of, and support for, the many cultural opportunities in Arlington;
- B. Advise the town and its commissions, committees and boards with respect to all matters of a cultural or artistic nature;
- C. Make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the use of public areas, building and meeting spaces for cultural or artistic performances or exhibits, and recommend guidelines for the conduct of such events;
- D. Recommend a long-term Cultural Plan for the Town and report annually on its progress;
- E. Accept gifts, contributions and bequests of funds from individuals, foundations and from federal, state or other governmental bodies for the purpose of furthering the Commission's purposes;
- F. Recommend policies to the appropriate authorities for the collection, preservations and care of public or Town owned art work;
- G. Preserve and promote the cultural and artistic resources of the Town;
- H. Work toward establishing Arlington as a significant cultural center;
- I. Promote cultural education for all citizens regardless of age;
- J. Serve as a vocal, strong and visible advocate for the arts throughout the Town, its schools and its other educational entities;
- K. Promote the arts as a viable vocation as well as avocation and encourage the appreciation and understanding of the arts as a means of improving the quality of all endeavors;
- L. Recognize and honor Arlington citizens for outstanding service to the Town in the area of cultural affairs;
- M. Take all actions which in its judgment will further the purposes for which it was established consistent with the above.

Section 3. Board of Advisors

The Commission may appoint from time to time a Board of Advisors and ad hoc committees which shall consist of such number as shall be deemed advisable by Commission members to serve at the direction of the Commission's

members. Advisors and ad hoc committee members shall be non-voting consultants to the Commission, with any funds to compensate same provided by grants or gifts to the Commission.

Section 4. Staff Position and Office

The Commission may establish an office to manage the Commission's daily activities and may solicit a person or persons to perform this function. The Commission shall define the duties of this position which shall be entitled, Staff Director of the Arlington Cultural Commission. The Staff Director may be paid from any funds received through grants or gifts to the Commission. If no such funds are available, then the appointment thereto may be made on a volunteer basis. The appointment of the Staff Director will be by the Town Manager after considering the recommendation of the Commission and will be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.